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Overview of the Board of Pharmacy's Sunset Review Process

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Memorandum

To: Legislation & Regulation Committee

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Subject: Overview of the Board Of Pharmacy's Sunset Review

This year marks the beginning of a two-year Sunset Review process for the Board. The Legislature established the Sunset Review process in 1994 for thirty-two boards and commissions within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The law, Business and Professions Code sections 473-473.6, establishes the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee (committee), within the Legislature and directs the committee evaluate and determine whether each board has demonstrated a public need for the continued existence of that board. The Board of Pharmacy (Board) underwent its first sunset review in 1996 and second in 2002.

The Board's review process will begin in September 2006, when the Board submits its Sunset Review Report (report) to the committee. The committee will review the report in September and October, and will write its own staff report complete with recommendations for improving the operation of the Board. In November 2006, the committee will hold a public hearing to review Board and issues preliminary recommendations. The committee will hold a second public hearing in early 2007 to discuss issues raised at the first hearing by the board, the public, the Legislature, and the Administration. In spring 2007 the committee should formally announce its recommendations to the Legislature. This proposal will be introduced as a bill.

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